



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MAYOR DICK MURPHY

San Diego Science & Technology Commission MEETING MINUTES

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2002, at 3:00 p.m., at the City Administration Building located at 202 "C" St., 12th Floor, in the Closed Session Room.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDST&C Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Members present: Hui Cai, John Cohen, Dr. Martha Dennis, Dr. Tom Dillon, Alberto Mier y Teran, Susan Myrland, Richard Polanco, Jr. (late arrival). Members absent: Scott Corlett, Steven Briggs, David Hale, Craig Irving, Vicki Marion, Julie Meier Wright, Carrie Stone. Others Present: Community & Economic Development Department staff members Toni Dillon, Tina Hines, Ana Maria Jaramillo, Michael Jenkins, Jeff Kavar; Charles Holland from Sony Corporation.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2002:** It was noted that Adrienne Turner was not present at the September 18, 2002, Commission meeting. With that amendment, it was moved that the minutes be approved (MOTION/SECOND/Cohen/Dillon/UNANIMOUS).
- IV. **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO COMMISSION**
 - A. Science and Technology Revenue & Expense Report: Ms. Dillon reported that the Commission was funded in the amount of \$175,000, with \$78,000 of that allocated for a staff position and \$93,000 allocated for special projects. Since the original allocation, \$6,418.50 was expended on a consultant who assisted the Commission in formation. In addition, the Commission approved \$50,000 for the Mission Gorge Technology Park studies. She stated that remaining fund balance is \$118,581.

Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Jaramillo addressed Commissioners' questions about the \$175,000 allocation, stating that this was a one-time, rather than a recurring, allocation by the City Council. In addition, they noted that it is unusual for a Commission to be given any funds. It was suggested that the Commission could use its allocation to leverage grant funds, and if successful could request that Council consider allocating more funding to the Commission for specific projects.

It was moved that the \$78,000 allocated for a chief of staff position be re-allocated to special projects (MOTION/SECOND/Cohen/Myrland/UNANIMOUS).

- B. Mission Trails Technology Park: Ms. Jaramillo requested feedback from the Commission regarding her suggestion that members of the Commission serve on the Mission Trails Regional Technology Park Consultant selection and monitoring panel. She said that panel members might also include such participants as Ken Baldwin, of Baldwin Architects, and Joe Panetta, President of BIOCOM. After discussion, Dr. Dennis noted that a motion would not be required for this, and suggested that Jaramillo invite up to three Commissioners (by their areas of expertise) for this panel. She suggested members Mr. Andrews and Ms. Wright as appropriate participants, plus Mr. Holland, from Sony Corporation, who is not a Commission member but has demonstrated interest in the Commission's work.

V. DIGITAL DIVIDE REPORT UPDATE:

- B. Digital Divide Workgroup Update: Dr. Dennis provided an update to the Commission regarding the Digital Divide Workgroup. She described this Workgroup as an outgrowth of a collaboration between the Commission's Digital Divide Sub-committee and the San Diego Data Processing Corporation's Board of Directors. Currently participating, in addition to the organizations mentioned, are representatives from the San Diego Regional Technology Alliance, San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, San Diego Futures Foundation, the YMCA, and the San Diego Community Technology Coalition, plus staff members from the City of San Diego's Information Technology & Communication Department, Community & Economic Development Department, and Library Department. This Workgroup met on September 14 and October 23 to brainstorm on how to address "digital divide" issues. Dr. Dennis invited any interested Commissioners to attend the next Workgroup meeting on October 31, noting that she had invited Al Panico of the Waite Family Foundation to discuss foundation funding availability regarding digital divide concerns. She suggested that additional participants at future meetings would include Kim Bess, Director of Science and Educational Technology, and Nancy Taylor, K-12 Science Coordinator for the San Diego Office of Education.

Dr. Dennis referred the Commissioners to a summary of the October 14 Workgroup meeting describing areas of potential effort: 1.) Coalition Formation and Plan Development; 2.) Integration with Libraries; 3.) Development of Community Centers; 4.) Pilot Projects and Outcome Measurements. 5.) Computer Ownership; 6.) Funding; 7.) Expanding Utilization of Technology; 8.) Survey of Citywide Technology Resources; 9.) Refurbishing Used Computers; 10.) Digital Content; 11.) Corporate In-Kind Formations; and 12.) Technical Support. Dr. Dennis noted that the Workgroup's efforts on the digital divide could be framed as a citywide and/or countywide policy issue, but could also be framed geographically or demographically.

Mr. Mier y Teran asked if the Workgroup had looked at cities similar to San Diego in demography to see what lessons and solutions have been tried in these cities successfully. Dr. Dennis stated that, at the October 31 meeting, a summary of similar large cities' digital divide action plans will be presented.

Dr. Dennis asked Mr. Jenkins to report on the City's 6-to-6 Program and whether it might be a Digital Divide pilot project. Jenkins stated that, at the request of the Workgroup, he had spoken with Steve Amick, 6-to-6 Program Administrator and learned that state law requires 6-to-6 services be provided on school grounds unless the school is adjacent to a city recreation or community center that can be accessed without crossing public streets. Jenkins identified six

schools that meet these criteria, five of which are south of I-8. These are: Zamorano, Freese, Rosa Parks, Logan, and North Park elementary schools plus Marshall middle school. Jenkins noted that none of these sites currently have digital access as part of their 6-to-6 services nor a permanent location for 6-to-6 services. Most of these schools are in urban neighborhoods that lack digital resources and access.

Dr. Dillon stated that the social and economic components of the “digital divide” need to be addressed and that access alone does not solve the problem. He suggested that the Science Alliance’s work be examined as a model for the Digital Divide Workgroup’s pilot project. He noted specifically the Science Alliance’s directory of resources and service providers. Furthermore, he highlighted the need for the Workgroup to focus more on content. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Mier y Teran stated that content, the delivery of quality services, and equipment are important action items that the Workgroup should continue to address.

Mr. Mier y Teran asked whether the California Assembly and Senate and City of San Diego Councilmembers had taken public positions regarding digital inclusion issues. Dr. Dennis responded that she had spoken with Councilmember Madaffer and he offered to address the Commission on this issue. She opined that Community and Economic Development would invite Councilmember Madaffer when the Workgroup further framed the Digital Inclusion context. Mr. Mier y Teran said that he would contact Councilmember Inunza to invite him to a Commission meeting, when the context has been further developed.

- C. Portal Technology Sub-committee Update: Mr. Polanco invited the Commissioners to attend a scheduled demonstration of SDDPC portal technology on October 31, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. at SDDPC offices at 1200 Third Avenue, 14th floor. He said that he would comment at the Commission’s December 4 meeting regarding this technology’s applicability to the digital divide issue.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. 2003 Meeting Schedule: This item was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- B. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday December 4, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the offices of SAIC, 10260 Campus Point Drive, Building C, conference room C5100.

VII. ADJOURN: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.